

PRESENT SIMPLE

We use the present simple to talk about routines (things we do every day, things that happen every day) and situations (things that are true now).

Positive	Negative
<i>I walk to school.</i>	<i>I don't walk to school.</i>
<i>You live in the city.</i>	<i>You don't live in the city.</i>
<i>He / She / It likes tea.</i>	<i>He / She / It doesn't like tea.</i>
<i>We play football.</i>	<i>We don't play football.</i>
<i>They have a dog.</i>	<i>They don't have a dog.</i>

Question	Short answers
<i>Do I walk to school?</i>	<i>Yes, I do. No, I don't.</i>
<i>Do you live in the city?</i>	<i>Yes, you do. No, you don't.</i>
<i>Does he / she / it like tea?</i>	<i>Yes, he / she / it does. No, he / she / it doesn't.</i>
<i>Do we play football?</i>	<i>Yes, we do. No, we don't.</i>
<i>Do they have a dog?</i>	<i>Yes, they do. No, they don't.</i>

For most verbs, we add -s for the third person (he / she / it) form.

play – plays work – works like – likes

We change the spelling of some verbs.

With verbs ending in a consonant + -y, we change -y to -ies.

study – studies try – tries

With verbs ending with -ch, -sh, -s, -ss and -x, we add -es.

watch – watches finish – finishes

Some verbs are irregular after he / she / it.

have – has do – does go – goes

Complete the present simple sentences and questions. Choose the correct verb in brackets.

➡ They drink coffee. (drink / eat)

➡ We eat fruit. (drink / eat)

1 I live in Seville. (like / live)

2 Do you like the city? (like / live)

3 He has three sisters. (have / know)

4 Does he teach English? (work / teach)

5 How does Lara travel to work? (take / travel)

6 She takes the bus. (take / travel)

7 Do you know Arun? (have / know)

8 Alex works as a teacher in a school. (work / teach)